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July 22, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 97-80; PP Docket No. 00-67

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On, Tuesday, July 22, 2003, Michael Petricone, Vice President, Technology Policy, Consumer Electronics Association, Robert Schwartz, of the law firm of McDermott, Will and Emery, Larry Sidman of the law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker LLP, Paul Glist of the law firm of Cole Raywid & Braverman, and I met with Paul Gallant, Acting Legal Advisor to the Chairman.

We discussed issues regarding the proposals submitted to the Commission by cable system operators and consumer electronics ("CE") manufacturers on December 19, 2002, which are the subject of the above-referenced dockets and asked that the Commission act promptly on those proposals. The discussion reflected filings made by the cable and CE industries in these proceedings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Neal M. Goldberg

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cc: Paul Gallant